ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A portable laser distance measuring device (1) with an optoelectronic transmitter (2a) and receiver (2b) and an input (4) such as mode selection switches and an output (5) such as a liquid crystal display arranged on a convenient housing (3), which are arranged at least in part on a cover plate (6). At least one additional input (7) such as a push-button triggering the measuring operation is arranged on a side panel (8) adjacent to the cover plate (6).